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AND LOADING OF VARIABLE SIZED CONTAINERS**

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Final Official Action of August 16, 2005 finally rejecting claims 1-26. The following items are enclosed herewith:

- A check in the amount of \$ 620.00 for the payment of the appeal fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 41.20(b)(1) and the extension of time fee.
- A Request for an extension of time and the fee therefore noted above.
- A Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review is being filed concurrently herewith.

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